

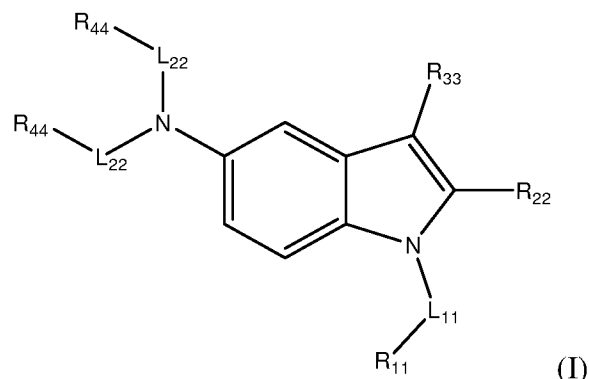
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and~~ a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or diluent together with a compound of formula (I):-



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

L¹¹ is carboxyl, or a covalent bond when R¹¹ is H;

R¹¹ is H except when L¹¹ is carboxyl, phenyl substituted with 1-3 R⁵⁰, or C₄₋₆-heteroaryl containing 1-3 heteroatoms selected from the group N, S, and O and substituted with 1-3 R⁵⁰;

R²² is H, or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R³³ is H, CH₃ or C₁₋₃ alkyl;

each L²² is independently carboxyl (C(O)), C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylC(O) or a covalent bond;

each R⁴⁴ is independently H, optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C₃₋₇ cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C₃₋₇ monocyclic or C₇₋₁₃ bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C₃₋₆ monocyclic or C₅₋₁₃ bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom, wherein said optional substitutions are one to four R⁶ groups;

each R^{50} is independently H, halo, Cl, F, CF_3 , C_1 - C_3 per fluoro, C_1 - C_3 per halo, $-OC_1$ - C_3 per halo, NO_2 , CH_3 , R^7 , $-OCH_3$, $-OR^7$, $-SR^7$, $-CN$, $-NHR^7$, $-N(R^7)_2$, $-CON(H)R^{23}CON(R^7)_2$, $-R^{23}N(H)R^7$, $-R^{23}N(R^7)_2$;

each R^6 is independently H, halo, Cl, F, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, $-R^{50}$, $-SR^{50}$, $-OR^{50}$, $-CN$, $N(R^{50})_2$, $-C(O)R^{50}$, $-R^{23}C(O)R^{50}$, $-CON(R^{50})_2$, C_4 - C_6 cycloalkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkanone, C_{4-6} cycloalkylamine, C_{3-6} monocyclic or C_{5-13} bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atoms or a C_6 - C_{12} monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom;

R^7 is H, halo or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{23} is a bond or is C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

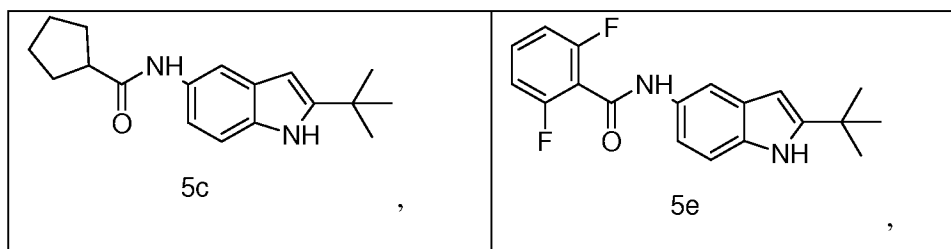
with the proviso that R^{22} is not CH_3 when R^{11} is H.

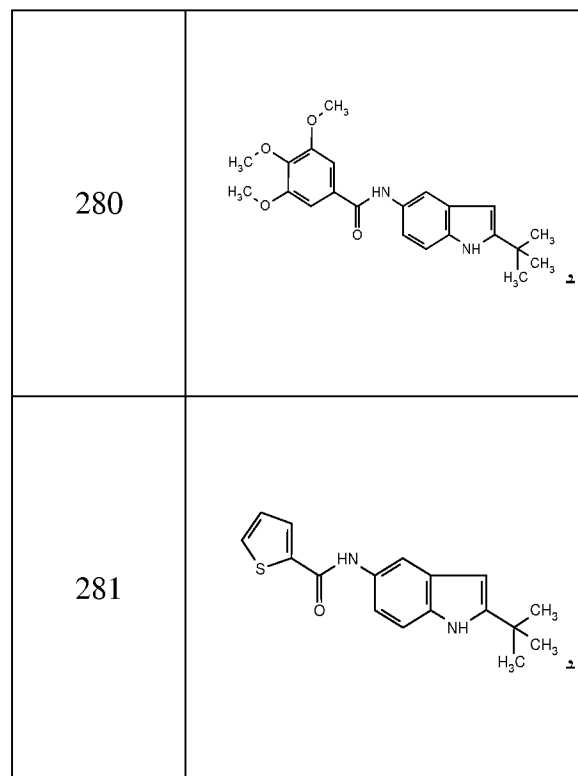
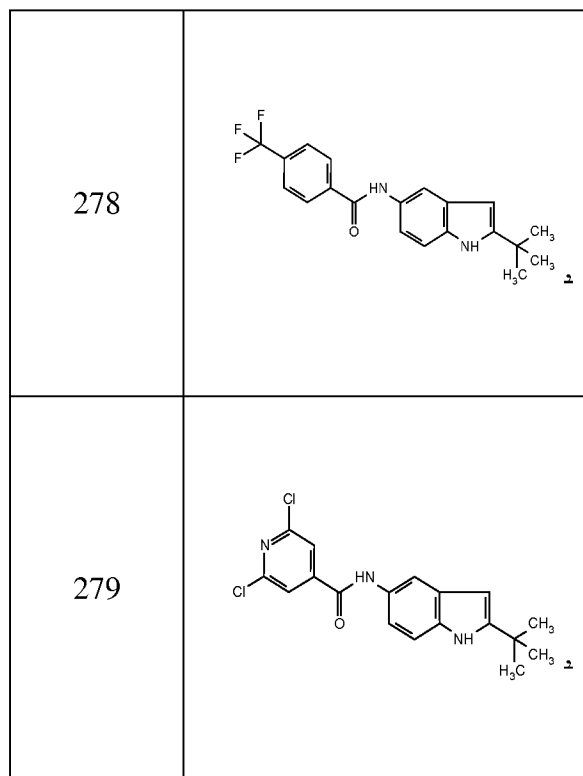
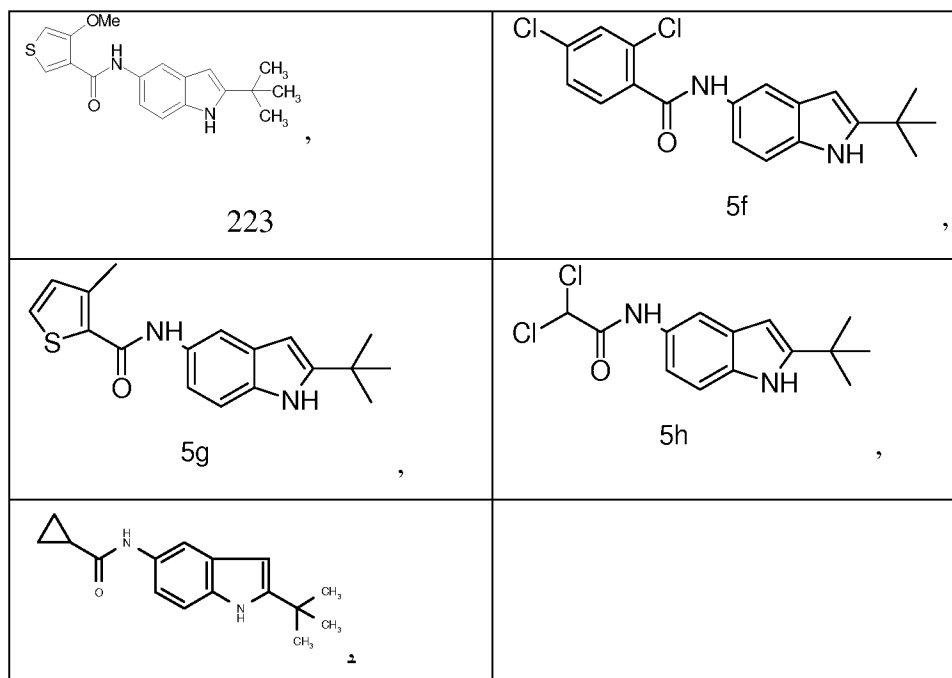
26. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 25 wherein ~~for said compound~~ at least one L^{22} is carboxyl.

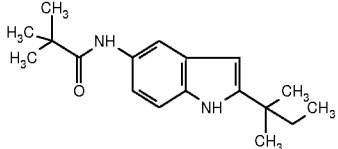
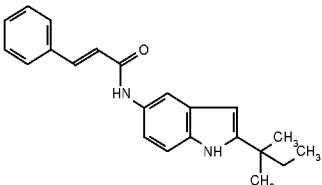
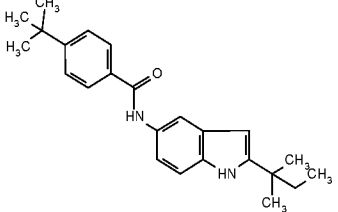
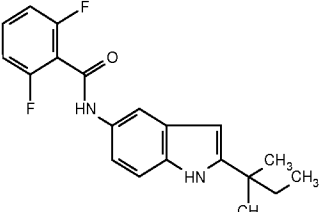
27. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 26 wherein ~~for said compound~~ the R^{44} attached to said at least one L^{22} carboxyl is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted C_{3-7} heterocycloalkyl containing at least one N, O or S atom, C_{3-7} cycloalkanone, optionally substituted C_{5-7} monocyclic or C_{3-13} bicyclic aryl, optionally substituted C_{3-6} monocyclic or C_{5-13} bicyclic heteroaryl containing at least one N, O, or S atom, or optionally substituted C_3 - C_{13} monocyclic or bicyclic heterocycle containing at least one N, O, or S atom.

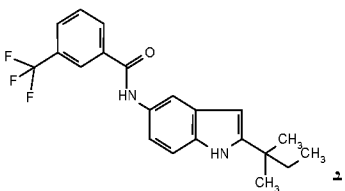
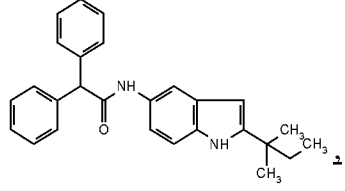
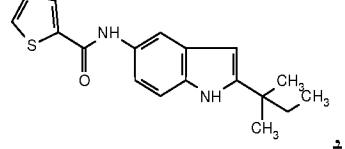
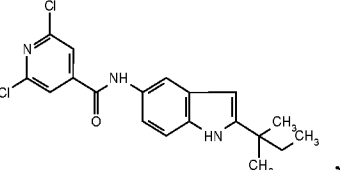
28. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 27 wherein ~~for said compound~~ R^{22} is t-butyl or neo-pentyl.

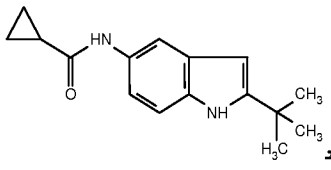
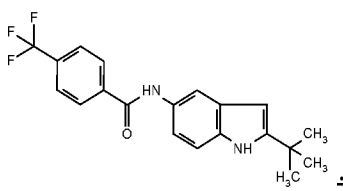
29. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 28 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

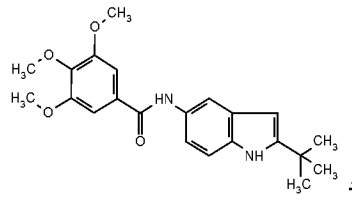




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30. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 27 wherein ~~for~~ ~~said compound~~ L¹¹ is carboxyl.

31. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 30 wherein ~~for~~ ~~said compound~~ R¹¹ is phenyl or pyridyl.

32. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 31 wherein ~~for~~ ~~said compound~~ R²² is CH₃.

33. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 32 wherein ~~for~~ ~~said compound~~ R³³ is H or CH₃.

34. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 31 wherein ~~for~~ ~~said compound~~ R³³ is H or CH₃.

35. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition according to claim 25 wherein ~~for~~ ~~said compound~~ at least one L²² is a bond and the R⁴⁴ attached thereto is H.

36-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a mammal infected with HCV, said method comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 25.

39. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a mammal infected with HCV, said method comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 35.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said mammal is a human.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein said mammal is a human.